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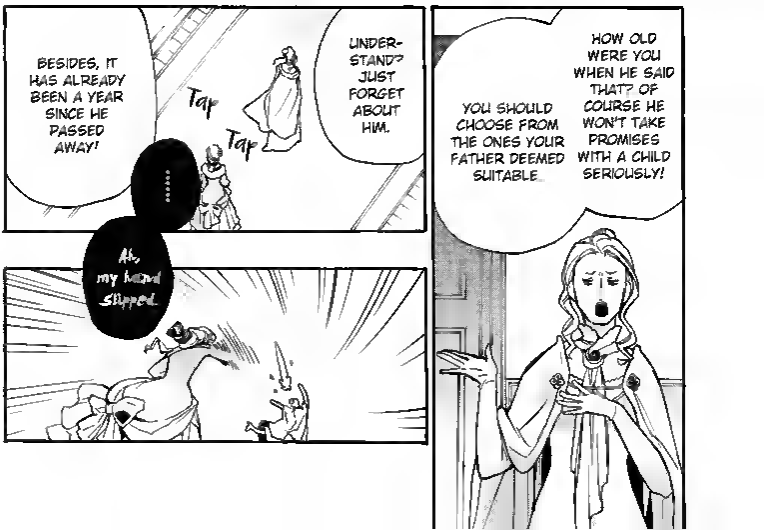
This is a story from some time ago
is as it says, a territory where the crown prince acts as the governor
A crown prince's direct-control territory,

UM... THIS SAYS... "AT THE CROWN PRINCE'S DIRECT -CONTROL TERRITORY..."
YOU'RE AMAZING, ANNA! READING IS TOO HARD FOR ME YOU'RE KEEPING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE SHOP TOO RIGHT?
In Anna, daughter from the bakery "Brawbell's" case
That takes place in the highlands in north east of Azelprade, with cold climate.
OH, IT'S ANNA!
HELLO! MIKOWAI-SAN
WHAT DOES THIS SIGN SAY?
I CAN'T READ IT.
!?
STARTING FROM THE NEXT TERM, IN ADDITION TO MALES, FEMALES WILL ALSO BE RECRUITED AS THIS TERRITORY'S GUARD.
WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOUNG APPLICANTS AS WELL.
THE APPLICANT HAS TO BE 16 YEARS OLD BY THE FIRST FULL MOON IN APRIL, HAS TO BE LITERATE AND ABLE TO RIDE A HORSE.
THE HORSE THE APPLICANT CAN RIDE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A WAR HORSE.
WHAT!?

I SEE YOUR NEW APPRENTICE STARTS TODAY, RIGHT?
THEN I'LL GO TO THE SHOP.
OH! WELCOME BACK ANNA! LATER, WE WILL HANDLE THE FURNACE.
I heard His majesty has been trying many new things, but
Recruiting girls as soldiers...?
I'M HOME, BIG BROTHER!
Isn't your wedding next year?
My dear wife~
As expected of my wife! Even the neighbors think highly of her!!
No, it's okay!! Mam is there.
She's not your wife yet!
Sister Anna... It sounds pretty nice, surprisingly...
What should I do...
Should I go into religion!? Is that the only thing left I can do?
FLOP
Agh!!
I'll lose my place once big brother gets married!!!
HM?

MOTHER,
In young lady Linnia Riche Marbeck's case...
I DO NOT HAVE ANY INTEREST IN OTHER MEN BESIDES HIM
RICHE... I DO NOT THINK CORPENIC-SAMA... EARL RUFUS WAS SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING YOU HIS WIFE...
PLUS, HE IS FAMOUS FOR BEING UNPLEASANT...
HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MARRY ME!


HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN HE SAID THAT? OF COURSE HE WON'T TAKE PROMISES WITH A CHILD SERIOUSLY!
YOU SHOULD CHOOSE FROM THE ONES YOUR FATHER DEEMED SUITABLE...
UNDER-STAND? JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM.
BESIDES, IT HAS ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE HE PASSED AWAY!
Tap
Tap
Ah, my hand slipped.

You told me—
MISS, PLEASE WAIT!
DON'T THROW EGGS AT THE MISTRESS!!!
That we could go hawking, treasure hunting and even dragon slaying
I'd rather throw away my life as a "noble's daughter"
HEY HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE OFFICIAL NOTICE??
If praying and waiting won't bring me anything in the end
Huh??
What's happening here!?
And start a completely new life—
HIS MAJESTY IS GOING TO BE RECRUITING FEMALE SOLDIERS!

SFX | BAM!
Oh!! I know!! You planned a surprise picnic for me!! ♡
AS YOU KNOW, TODAY IS THE FEMALE'S PRACTICAL TEST FOR THE SOLDIER RECRUITMENT...
THEY ARE THE APPLICANTS THAT HAVE PASSED THE PAPER SCREENING
WHAT!? ISN'T THIS TOO MUCH PEOPLE?? I THOUGHT THE MAXIMUM WAS 75!!
THEY ALL HAVE THEIR OWN GUARDS AND MAIDS ACCOMPANYING THEM.
GUARDS? EVEN THO THEY WANT TO BE SOLDIERS?
HUH?
YES... IT SEEMS LIKE THEY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD YOUR MAJESTY TO BE LOOKING FOR A BRIDE
HWAT?!

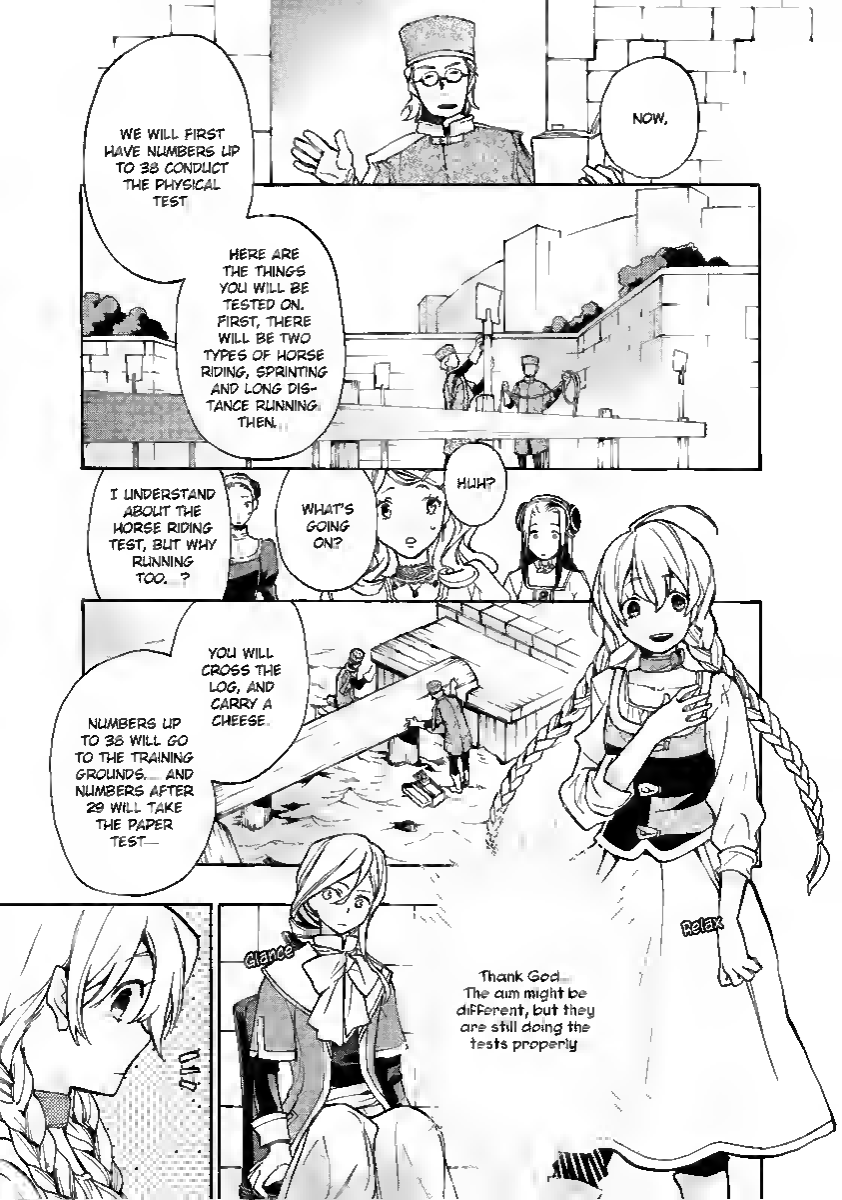
QC NOTE: THE TYPOS ARE DONE ON PURPOSE. THE PRINCE'S SPEAKING CAT-ACCENT LOL.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, HAVING FEMALE SOLDIERS IS UNHEARD OF...
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR MAJESTY THINKS
WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE SUITED OR NOT INDIVIDUALLY. IF THEY ARE SUITED TO BE IN A BAND OR A STRATEGY ROOM, WE'LL PLACE THEM THERE
IF WE CLOSE THE DOORS FROM THE START... WE'LL MIGHT MISS THE ONES WITH POTENTIAL.
IF WE DO SO, NEW BARRACKS WILL HAVE TO BE INSTALLED. IT WILL TROUBLE THE MEN WHO WERE ORIGINALLY HERE.
BESIDES... IT IS A DANGEROUS JOB!
Meow Meow
Yashuka, you still haven't accepted it"?
BIG BROTHER HATES HAVING TO KEEP THE SAME SYSTEM FOREVER!
AL-RIGHT...
LET US GO SEE WHAT GOOD YOUR MAJESTY'S NEW POLICY WILL BRING US
ELDER TAMINDY WILL BE THE CHAPERONE, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SHOWING HIM ANY OPENINGS OF THIS POLICY
Oh, right. He's the elders' spy!
WHOOSH

Is this a test to find people to marry his majesty!?
Wife?
But that wasn't written on the notice... and I passed the paper screening!
SHE DOESN'T LOOKS LIKE A SERVANT. A COMMONER LIKE HER IS AIMING TO BE HIS MAJESTY'S WIFE? SHE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK GOOD...
WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL?
Whisper
Whisper
Wait...
Why are there only noble's daughters in here..?
WHAT SHOULD I DO!!
Whisper
ARGHH !!!!
Whisper
BE QUIET.
THIS IS THE WAITING ROOM FOR APPLICANTS, WHY IS A MAID LIKE YOU HERE WITH ME?
MISS LINNIA, HORSE RIDING CLOTHES SUIT YOU VERY WELL.
HOWEVER... WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR YOU TO WEAR A DRESS?

FOR MISS LINNIA TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SEARCH FOR A PARTNER. MASTER AND MISTRESS WILL BE VERY PLEASED.
HEY... I TOLD YOU TO BE QUIET
FUFUFU.. ARE YOU FEELING NERVOUS, MISS?
I BELIEVE THIS IS A GATHERING TO FIND HIS MAJESTY'S BRIDE CANDIDATES.
SOME OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE DAUGHTERS THAT COME FROM HIGH-CLASS FAMILIES..
HIS MAJESTY MUST BE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE INTELLIGENT AND SOMEONE THAT CAN RIDE WITH HIM TO BE HIS BRIDE.
LITERATE AND ABLE TO RIDE A HORSE...
CLATTER
CLATTER
THEY'RE ALL COMPLAINING BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CHAIRS!
CAN'T WE HAVE ALL THE ATTENDANTS WAIT IN ANOTHER ROOM?!
Does his majesty really looking for a bride...?
The only one who does not seem to be after his majesty is
that suspicious commoner girl...

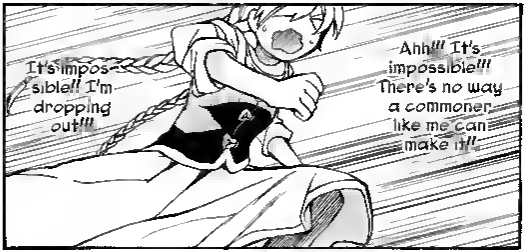
SLIP...
ARE THEY SERIOUSLY GONNA BE SOLDIERS? IT'LL BE A GOOD VIEW BUT I DON'T WANT THEM AS COLLEAGUES..
THEIR CLOTHES TOO . THEY WERE TOLD TO WEAR CLOTHES THAT ARE EASY TO MOVE IN, BUT DRESSES??
NO PROBLEM
I AM PLANNING TO TAKE A LOT OF POINTS OFF BASED ON THEIR CLOTHING CHOICE AND ATTENDANTS ..
Sir, you're really scary
Ahh
THEY ALL SAY SOMETHING LIKE "I CANNOT ALLOW MISS TO STAY HERE BY HERSELF!"
Seriously
FOR NOW LET'S OPEN UP THE CATHEDRAL AND LET SOME OF THEM GO THERE
I HOPE HE IS NOT PLANNING ANYTHING BAD...
...I SEE...
What kind of master makes his own subordinate worry about these things?
LIKE PEEKING..
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU SEEN HIS MAJESTY?
HE WENT TO THE OFFICE BUILDING AND HASN'T COME BACK EVER SINCE
SORRY... WE HAVE NOT SEEN HIM.


NOW,
WE WILL FIRST HAVE NUMBERS UP TO 38 CONDUCT THE PHYSICAL TEST
HERE ARE THE THINGS YOU WILL BE TESTED ON. FIRST, THERE WILL BE TWO TYPES OF HORSE RIDING, SPRINTING AND LONG DISTANCE RUNNING. THEN,
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE HORSE RIDING TEST, BUT WHY RUNNING TOO. ?
YOU WILL CROSS THE LOG, AND CARRY A CHEESE.
NUMBERS UP TO 38 WILL GO TO THE TRAINING GROUNDS.... AND NUMBERS AFTER 29 WILL TAKE THE PAPER TEST—
Relax
Glance
Thank God... The aim might be different, but they are still doing the tests properly
Um?

SFX: CLATTER
M- MISS...
YOU OVER THERE, YOU SEEM TO BE REALLY CONFIDENT
YOU SHOULD NOT TALK TO OTHERS SO LOWER CLASS—
WHAT?!
...
stare...
...
BE QUIET.
I WANT TO TALK TO HER!
I knew it... She's going to tell me to not stay in the same room as her.. or stop existing, or that I'm really rude...
Ah... scary!!!

SFX DASH
WHA-
I-I-I AM VERY SORRY!!!
WAIT-
..SO FAST!

I AM WITHDRAWING FROM THIS TEST!!!
EH?


It's impossible!! I'm dropping out!!!
Ahh!!! It's impossible!!! There's no way a commoner like me can make it!!!

You're really fast.
HE-HEY.. WHAT'S WRONG? THE TRAINING GROUNDS IS THE OTHER WAY..

!!
AH.. UM.. I WILL BE WITHDRA—

I didn't say anything yet...

MY LADY.. PLEASE WAIT!!
EVEN IF I GET TO SEE THE CROWN PRINCE, I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS PUSHED IN THE BARRACKS!
I CANNOT HANDLE THIS ANYMORE!!

SFX: CLANG
SFX: SLIP

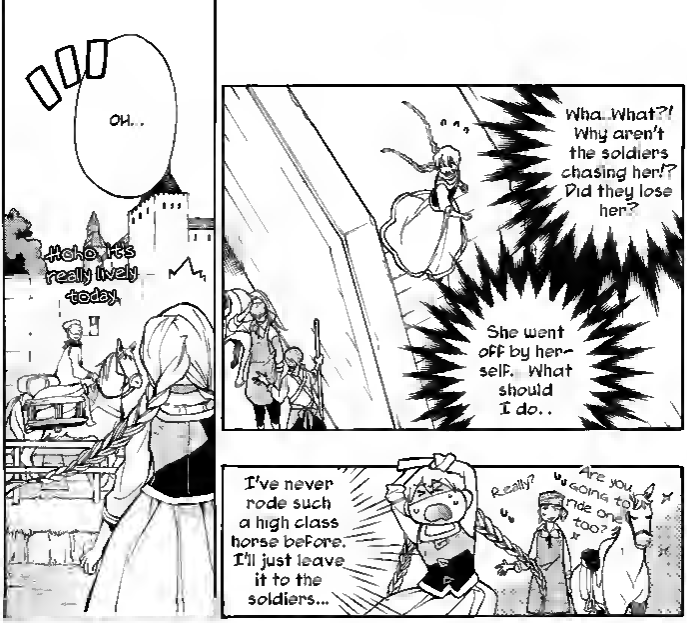
SFX: THUD
MOVE AWAY
WAH

AH.. EXCUSE ME, YOU DROPPED SOMETHING
WAIT,
THIS... IS THE ACCESSORY PLACED ON THE ALTAR USED FOR PROTECTION IN THE CATHEDRAL...
EXCUSE ME. MAY I PLEASE KNOW WHERE—
STOP!
YOU...?
WHAT?! NO, I DIDN'T—
HOW RUDE, WHY WOULD WE HAVE SUCH THING?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT THAT COMMONER GIRL?
NOW LET'S TAKE OUR LEAVE, MY LADY.

IT'S
THE NOBEL FROM BEFORE...
THAT GIRL DIDN'T GO IN TO THE CATHEDRAL
BEFORE RUNNING HERE, SHE WAS WITH ME, LINNIA RICHE MARBECK, IN THE WAITING ROOM.
I SEE...
I AM VERY SORRY FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOU ALL RETURN TO THE WAITING ROOM AND—
SFX THUD
WAIT...
SFX DASH

STEALING THINGS FROM OTHER PEOPLE...
REINFORCEMENTS WILL COME, JUST LEAVE HIM THERE
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT THE ALLEY?!
SFX THUD
IS NOT GOOD!!!!
MI...
MISS?!

SFX GRAB
SFX LEAP
WHA..!?
WHA.. PLEASE GIVE IT BACK!!
BE CARE-FUL..!!
I WON'T LET YOU GO.
I'M BORROWING THIS HORSE!!
EEEHH ?!
Again?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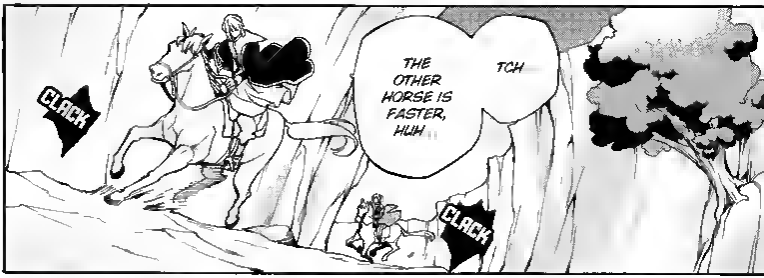
Oh..
Hehe, it's really lively today
Wha..What?! Why aren't the soldiers chasing her!? Did they lose her?
She went off by herself. What should I do..
I've never rode such a high class horse before. I'll just leave it to the soldiers...
Really?
Are you going to ride one too?

God.. It must have been his majesty's suggestion
Did he have an underling that no one knows of to do this? I pity him
THE THIEVES SHOULD BE STOPPED BEFORE THE EXIT,
SIR, WHY ..
LET'S CHASE THEM JUST IN CASE TWO OF YOU, COME WITH ME


CLACK
THE OTHER HORSE IS FASTER, HUH
TCH
CLACK

CLACK
STOP!!!
!!!

SFX WHOOSH
THAT'S IT, THEIF!
DON'T MOVE, AND SUR-RENDER
RUSTLE
DAMMIT...
THIS WOMAN...
SHE'S CRAZY!
THAT WAS VERY WELL DONE, I HOPE YOU ARE FINE, LADY LINNA RICHE.
If I remember correctly, her name was Marbeck., She might be someone that should be enlisted as a solider...
I DO NOT HAVE ANY—
YES...

SFX TUG
HEY...
DON'T MOVE, SOLDIER.
HUH?
This is strange...
Not one of his majesty's fakes,
But a real one...?
He's going overboard.. Is he...
AN AVERAGE PIECE OF ACCESSORY FROM THE CATHEDRAL OR..
A BRIDE CANDIDATE. WHICH ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT?
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DON'T DO ANYTHING BA—
WHAT ARE YOU...
HEY.
SFX SLICE
A NOBLE WOMAN CUT HER OWN HAIR..!?
CRAP!

I WAS PLANNING ON CUTTING MY HAIR ONCE I PASS ANYWAY...
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME.
She is one strange girl.
CROSSBOWS, SUPPORT.
I'LL GO CAPTURE THE THIEF.
SFX: SLIP
TCH...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH THIS HORSE.
!?

I
WON'T
LET
WHE...
So strange.
WHEAT FLOUR BAG!?
SFX Bam
YOU GO!!!
!?

Wawawa
ANNA THREW A WHOLE BAG OF WHEAT FLOUR?!
WHA...
WHAT A WASTE!!!
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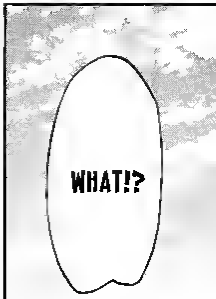
WHAT!?

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A LOT OF FEMALE GUARDS!
By the way Linna is so slow...
AFTER THAT, ANNA BECAME A SOLDIER... THEN BECAME A GUARD, RIGHT?

YES... I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WASTED THE FLOUR...
She should have thrown something else...
EVEN THOUGH THE FARMER SAID IT WAS ALRIGHT...

YES,
RICHE TOO SHE STOPPED AND STAYED AT KAMINO TOO, WHEN YOUR HIGHNESS WAS THERE
RIGHT NOW, SHE SHOULD BE WORKING IN THE DIRECT-CONTROL TERRITORY AGAIN...

HM?
WHAT WAS BROTHER DOING THE WHOLE TIME?
I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT A LONG TIME AFTERWARDS...
ON THAT DAY, KOAL-SAN RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING...

BTG BROTHER WANTED TO SEE THE GIRLS' TESTS TOO!!
YASHUKA-TAN YOU MEANIE!!
Also I'm older than you
REALLY, WHAT WERE YOU DOING TODAY ?
WAHNE WAHNE
II WASN'T A LIE!! APPARENTLY PEOPLE THOUGHT THE OLD MAN WAS THE ONE WHO PUT HEAVY TAXES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF "AMONTE!"
THE HUNTER AND SLAVE TRADING GUILD SENT ASSASSINS!
It was really dianne!!
OLD MAN TAMINDY WAS ALMOST ASSASSINATED NEAR THE MANOR!! A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED!!
THERE WAS A FIGHT!! I STAYED WITH HIM THE ENTIRE TIME AFTER THAT!!
IF YOU WERE GONNA LIE, AT LEAST MAKE A BETTER ONE...
CLACK
!
I see.. then the thieves were probably hired as a distraction

IT WASN'T A LIE, KOAL
ELDER TAMINDY !
AH!
I MEAN—
YOU STILL VERY IMMATURE !!
I HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD HIS MAJESTY...
HIS MAJESTY .. HE SAVED ME WITHOUT HESITATION
. YOUR MAJESTY, THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE.
I... HAVE TO DO BETTER AS WELL.
And thus,
The crown prince's direct-control territory was at peace for a while.
YAY!!
THEN CAN I GO OUT AND PLAY TOMORROW?
NO.
This is a story that is a bit compli-cated...